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Platform for growth in Grantham

Grantham's Station Approach has been identified as one of the key redevelopment sites to take Margaret Thatcher's home town into a massively improved and bright new future.

It will capitalise on the significant economic opportunities that the east coast line brings with its fast links to London.

New quality office space for small and medium enterprises is earmarked for the west and south west of Grantham railway station, with retail units, a hotel, a Business Innovation Centre and some new homes on a four hectare site. An attractive pedestrian boulevard will connect the train station to the town centre.

Further down the train track, Greyfriars is another area being marketed for redevelopment, this time to improve the retail offer as well as commercial and community use. And the third area being marketed for re-development is Wharf Road, leading from the Station Approach junction to the High Street.

In the town centre, ten shops have approval for major new work to make them more attractive as part of SKDC's Shop Front Improvement Scheme. Phase 2 will run alongside the new public realm improvements to Wide Westgate, mirroring the improvements already delivered in the market place.

In April, SKDC will know if its Heritage Lottery Fund bid has been successful for Townscape Heritage Initiative funding to allow major townscape enhancements.

And on the housing front, the first of the 1,800 homes on the initial stage of the 130-hectare Poplar Farm - off the A52 to the north of Grantham - are expected to be built in late 2012. In due course this will deliver the Pennine Way link road and bridge over the railway line.

To the south, another Sustainable Urban Extension has the capacity to provide 4,000 new homes together with employment, education, neighbourhood, retail and community infrastructure across a 195-hectare area adjacent to the south-west bypass. The master planning of this area is underway and should be completed in the autumn.

SKDC Leader Cllr Linda Neal said: "Grantham has achieved Growth Point status in recognition of its development potential as a quality place to live

and work. The re-development areas we have identified and the two new major housing areas will transform Grantham into a town to be proud of.”



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